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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. STRAIGHT REPORTING CHARACTERIZED NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF
PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT LEFT-OF-CENTER)
PRONOUNCED IN EDITORIAL AUGUST 23
THAT ALL PARTIES HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
EXPECTED ROLES IN INCIDENT AND THAT "ONLY LOSERS WERE
KOREAN PEOPLES WHO DREAM OF REUNION AFTER 30 YEARS OF
SEPARATION AND AGAIN HAVE SEEN THAT REALITY MARCHES IN THE
OPPOSITE DIRECTION".

2. THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, IN A PRESS
CONFERENCE AUGUST 20, TOLD DANISH JOURNALISTS THAT THE
DEMARCATION LINE INCIDENT HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY THE AMERICANS
AND HAD CAUSED "A VERY CRITICAL SITUATION" WHICH IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES COULD LEAD TO WAR. HE ALSO APPEARED ON
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3. THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MADE THE FLENSBORG AVIS,
PUBLISHED IN DANISH AND GERMAN ON THE BORDER OF DENMARK
AND GERMANY, WITH A LONG INTERVIEW ON AUGUST 28. HE
EXPLAINED THE SITUATION IN KOREA TODAY AND USED NORTH
KOREAN PERFIDY TO JUSTIFY THE INABILITY OF THE SOUTH
KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC STATE NOW.
THE INTERVIEW CONCLUDED WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE
ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF KOREA IN RECENT YEARS.

4. THE DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CITED THE
INCIDENT AS AN EXAMPLE OF U.S. EFFORTS TO WIN
ADVANTAGES IN KOREA AND CALLED FOR A REMOVAL OF AMERICAN
TROOPS FROM THE AREA.

5. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRONOUNCEMENTS BY DANISH
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE INCIDENT.
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